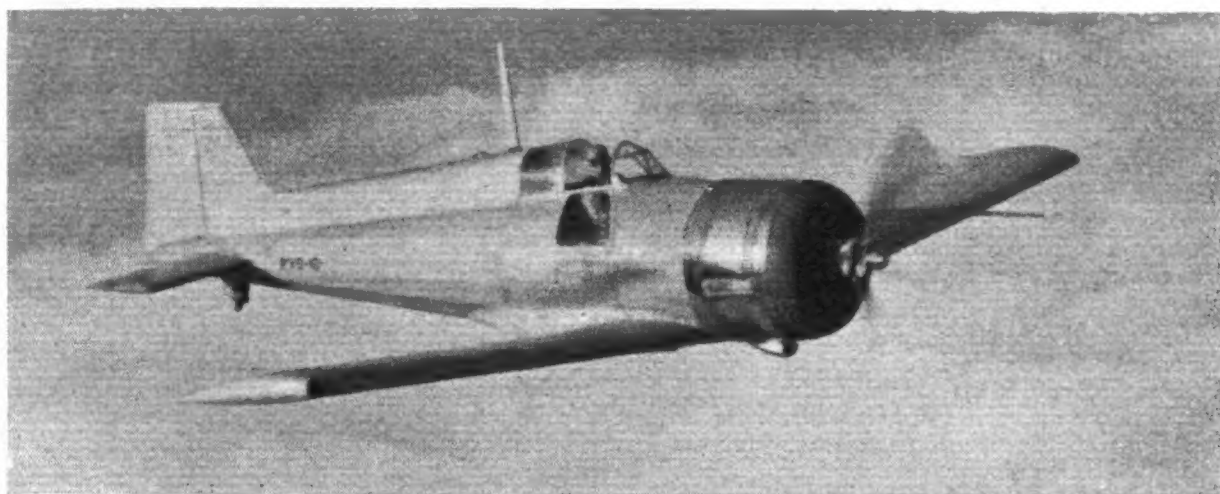


THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS



AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SWIFT POISON : The Vickers Venom single-seater fighter with Bristol Aquila sleeve-valve engine.

CADETS FROM AUSTRALIA

In the future fifty cadets for the Royal Australian Force, instead of fifteen as previously arranged, are to be sent annually to Great Britain for training.

DAMAGE AT ABBOTSINCH

Nos. 21 and 34 (Bomber) Squadrons are to be moved temporarily from Abbotsinch, near Glasgow, to Lympne. Some hangars at Abbotsinch and twelve machines were considerably damaged in the recent gale. It is not certain that these two squadrons will return to Abbotsinch.

MOVE OF No. 3 (BOMBER) GROUP

Subject to the completion of works services, Headquarters, No. 3 (Bomber) Group, will move from Andover to Mildenhall at the beginning of January, 1937. The move is to be completed by January 7.

MOVE OF No. 2 (BOMBER) GROUP

Subject to the move of Headquarters, No. 3 (Bomber) Group, from Andover to Mildenhall being completed, Headquarters, No. 2 (Bomber) Group will move from Abingdon to Andover during January, 1937. The move is to be completed by January 28.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Hebrew has been added to the list of languages for which tests for colloquial proficiency are held.

ARMISTICE CEREMONY

At 11.00 hours on Sunday, November 8, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington, G.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., will lay a wreath at the foot of the R.A.F. War Memorial, Victoria Embankment, on behalf of the Royal Air Force. Dress for serving personnel—Service dress (without decorations) and greatcoats.

FORMATION OF STATION HEADQUARTERS

A station headquarters will form at Feltwell, near Brandon, Suffolk, on January 27, on which date the station will be placed under the command of the A.O.C.-in-C., Bomber Command, in No. 3 (Bomber) Group.

A station headquarters will form at Upwood, Ramsey, Huntingdon, on January 27, 1937, on which date the station will be placed under the command of the A.O.C.-in-C., Bomber Command, in No. 2 (Bomber) Group.

These aerodromes may be used with effect from January 1 for aircraft of personnel visiting the station on duty in connection with the opening. Only aircraft fitted with tail wheels will be permitted to land and no facilities of any kind will be available. The aerodromes will not be available for general use until March 4.

No. 607 (COUNTY OF DURHAM) SQUADRON

No. 607 (County of Durham) (Bomber) Squadron will be renamed No. 607 (County of Durham) (Fighter) Squadron with effect from November 1.

CHANGE OF NAME

The name of the R.A.F. Camp, Novar, Ross-shire, has been changed to R.A.F. Camp, Evanton.

SPECIALIST SIGNALS COURSE

The undermentioned officer, having successfully completed a specialist S* course at the Ecole Supérieure D'Electricité and the Royal Aircraft Establishment, is granted the symbol S* :—Flt. Lt. E. H. Bellairs.

FORMATION OF No. 17 (TRAINING) GROUP

No. 17 (Training) Group will form in the Coastal Command at Lee-on-the-Solent on December 1, 1936, and move to Calshot on January 1, 1937, when it will take over executive command of the following :—

- Calshot.—R.A.F. Station, Headquarters, and Training Squadron.
- Gosport.—R.A.F. Station, Training Squadron, Torpedo Section, Storage Unit, Coast Defence Development Unit.
- Lee-on-the-Solent.—R.A.F. Station, School of Naval Co-operation, No. 1 Gunnery Co-operation Flight.
- Southampton.—R.A.F. Station.

FORMATION OF No. 16 (RECONNAISSANCE) GROUP

No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group will form in the Coastal Command at Lee-on-the-Solent on December 1, 1936, and move to Bircham Newton by January 1, 1937, when it will take over executive command of the following :—

- Bircham Newton.—R.A.F. Station, No. 206 (G.R.) Squadron, No. 220 (G.R.) Squadron, No. 260 (G.R.) Squadron.
- Calshot.—No. 201 (F.B.) Squadron.
- Mount Batten.—R.A.F. Station, No. 204 (F.B.) Squadron.
- Felixstowe.—R.A.F. Station (Personnel administration only), No. 209 (F.B.) Squadron, Landguard Fort Bombing Range.
- Pembroke Dock.—R.A.F. Station, No. 210 (F.B.) Squadron, No. 228 (F.B.) Squadron, R.A.F. Floating Dock.
- Donibristle.—R.A.F. Station, No. 22 (T.B.) Squadron, No. 42 (T.B.) Squadron, Dalgety Bay Bombing Range.
- Usworth.—R.A.F. Station.

FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that A.P/O. George Edmund Hollings, of No. 43 (Fighter) Squadron lost his life in an aircraft accident which occurred at Hawarden, Flintshire, on October 30. A.P/O. Hollings was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft.